

Dear ELI Members

We are delighted to inform you that the registration for the Online ELI Annual Conference, which will take place from 6–8 September 2021, has officially opened. Kindly see below the **programme**, with embedded registration links for webinars. Registration for ELI Members, including an unlimited number of stakeholders from Institutional Members, is free of charge.

The [opening ceremony of the Annual Conference](#) will take place on **6 September (15:30–17:00 CET)** with welcome addresses from Christiane Wendehorst, ELI President, and Brigitta Zöchling-Jud, Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna, and a keynote speech by Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The Conference will feature a series of **webinars on ELI projects** (both current and prospective), which span a number of areas of law:

- 6 September, 17:15–18:30 CET: [Principles for a Data Economy: Data Rights and Transactions \(with the American Law Institute; Presentation of Final Output\)](#)
- 6 September, 18:45–20:00 CET: [Access to Digital Assets: Use of Digital Assets as Security \(Presentation of Final Output\)](#)
- 7 September, 09:00–10:15 CET: [Blockchain Technology and Smart Contracts](#)
- 7 September, 10:30–11:45 CET: [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) and Public Administration – Developing Impact Assessments and Public Participation for Digital Democracy](#)
- 7 September, 12:00–13:15 CET: [Admissibility of E-Evidence in Criminal Proceedings in the EU](#)
- 7 September, 14:15–15:30 CET: [The Concept and Role of Courts in Family and Succession Matters](#)
- 7 September, 15:45–17:00 CET: [Climate Justice – New Challenges for Law and Judges](#)
- 8 September, 09:00–10:15 CET: [Corporate Sustainability, Financial Accounting and Share Capital](#)
- 8 September, 10:30–11:45 CET: [Ecocide](#)
- 8 September, 12:00–13:15 CET: [ELI-Mount Scopus European Standards of Judicial Independence](#)
- 8 September, 14:30–15:45 CET: [Fundamental Constitutional Principles](#)
- 8 September, 16:00–17:15 CET: [The Concept of Corporate Criminal Liability](#)

All above webinars will include a Q&A session with ELI Members.

In addition, the Annual Conference will feature a session on the [ELI Young Lawyers Award](#), [and the SIG and Hub of the Year Awards](#) on 7 September (19:00–20:00 CET).

Despite the online format, we are confident that the Conference will remain true to its hallmark of gathering distinguished legal experts from across Europe and beyond, including practitioners, judges, academics and policy makers, and that it will spark lively discussions aimed at influencing the future European legal development.

More information on the Annual Conference, including an up-to-date agenda, is available on the [ELI website](#). A Conference Brochure will be available soon. You may also connect with ELI through Twitter ([@ELI_Secretariat](#); #ELIConf21), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Warm regards

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